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Tribes pay tribute to individuals who give of themselves to protect and serve

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

After dinner, local law enforcement, firefighters and tribal officials take a moment to pose for a photograph.

Standing L-R: City of El Reno Police Chief, Ken Brown, Officer Joseph Sandberg, Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor, Eddie Hamilton, City of El Reno Mayor, Matt White, Cheyenne and Arapaho Lt. Governor, Cornell Sankey, Deputy Chief, David Harman and Lieutenant, John Darnell.

Kneeling L-R: Officer David Garcia, El Reno City Firefighters, Chris Denny, Chisum Johnson, Nathan Plagg and Alan Willcutt.

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

9-11 is a day that will forever be remembered as one of the worst days in American history. The day over 2,900 people were killed in a series of terrorist attacks.

Thousands of first responders, law enforcement, emergency management team members, and firefighters rushed to the scenes of destruction, with no thought to themselves or their safety.

It is this day, that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Lucky Star Casino honors their neighboring community law enforcement, firefighters, first responders and the local Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officers by serving lunch and dinner throughout the day.

"This is the third annual First Responder's dinner for our local first responders. We had two feeding times for lunch and dinner for our

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A national tragedy

The Sand Creek Massacre-150 Years

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Sand Creek, a windswept place haunted by violence and broken promises.

Its official name is Big Sandy Creek. One hundred and fifty years later, the name still brings grief in the hearts of many Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

"A lot of people don't really know what happened at Sand Creek … I am still learning the facts. Tonight we have an historian who will give insight about the truth and facts of what really occurred on Nov. 29, 1864," Max Bear, Cheyenne and Arapaho Culture and Heritage director said.

On Sept. 9, 10, and 11, in three different communities, Concho, Clinton and Canton, Okla., Culture and Heritage Program hosted a one of a kind forum entitled, *Remember the Tears of the Sandy Creek*.

"Every year we have a spiritual run that is from the massacre site to downtown Denver and not a lot of people have been involved in the past. I am hoping that this forum motivates our people to get involved this year," Bear said.

Two Cultures, One Land

"In the early morning of Nov. 29, 1864, Col. John M. Chivington ordered his command of some 675 soldiers to attack a sleeping camp of Arapaho and Cheyenne Indians," Dr. David Halaas, National Park Service (NPS) author and historian said as he addressed the members listening. "Some of the things I am going to share with you are horrific, they are even obscene, but to understand the Sand Creek Massacre, the first thing to understand about it, is that it was a massacre."

Halaas continued to convey of the events that led up to the day of the bloody massacre.

"To try to put in context, I think we should begin with the 1851 treaty of Ft. Laramie, which involved most of the Plains tribes. The Cheyenne and Arapaho were given a vast territory of land, stretching from the crest of the Rocky Mountains to the parts of what is now Wyoming into eastern Kansas and Colorado, it was a huge track of land. That treaty was to last as long as the trees will grow and the streams will flow, forever and forever. It lasted ten years." Halaas said.

He said in 1859, came the great Colorado gold rush, setting off the greatest single mass immigration of people in American history.

"Over hundreds of thousands of people streamed across the Cheyenne and Arapaho lands to the gold that was in the mountains just west of Denver. The immigrants were on land that was illegal for them to be on, these people had to negotiate a new treaty with the government. This was the treaty of Ft. Wise of 1861and it was to clear the title to the land so that whites could live on it. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tried to live with the whites and things progressed until the spring of 1864."

Setting for a Tragedy

Halaas believes the War of 1864 began at a place called Freemont Orchard.

"Some Cheyennes were taking horses back to their white owner, a man that they knew was married into the Cheyenne tribe. As they were doing that, they ran into a company of soldiers. The soldiers were part of the 1st Colorado Regiment. Instead of asking what was going on they opened fire and that began the war of 1864. The soldiers followed that up with an attack in a place called the Cedar Canyon in Colorado and there they killed women and children … they captured one man and roasted him over the fire. The Cheyenne and Arapaho could not understand why these attacks were coming," Halaas said.

> ***"As Black Kettle was telling his people the soldiers were not there to hurt them, people were dropping all around him," Halaas said. "Women and children and mothers with babies in their arms began fleeing up stream, away from the soldiers. It did not matter who they were … they were shot down."***

"In May the soldiers attacked again without any warning on a village that was led by Chief Lean Bear, and Black Kettle was also there. Lean Bear was in Washington the year before and met President Lincoln at a peace meeting where he was given a Peace Medal. Lean Bear advanced towards the troops making signs of peace and when he got within rifle distance he was shot down. When his body fell from the horse, the soldiers ran over his body and fired more shots. Now this was a war that no one understood and was now in a white heat, and the Cheyenne and Arapahos retaliated," Halaas said.

He said for a while the battles went back and forth.

"On June 24, 1864, Gov. John Evans issued a Proclamation to the friendly Indians of the plains. He said that those who were not at war were to go into forts and give themselves up to the military. It was very difficult to get word to the tribes, but when the tribes finally found out that this offer had been proclaimed, they met the commander (Wynkoop) at Ft. Lyon and asked for a peace party. The commander (Wynkoop) agreed and he took them to Denver to meet with Gov. Evans and a man named John Chivington," Halaas said. "While in Denver at Camp Well, the Chiefs sat and listened to Gov. Evans, and to why he could not make peace, even after he had made the proclamation for those that would come in and be protected. He really did not want to talk with the Chiefs, as far as he was concerned, there had to be a military solution, since there was a war at hand, a war that was began by the military. At the end of the conference, John Chivington, commander of the Colorado district said that if they (Indians) want peace, go to Ft. Lyon and give your selves up to military authority and you will be protected. So that is what they did, Black Kettle, White Antelope, Left Hand and Little Raven all went back to Ft. Lyon."

Halaas said meanwhile

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From the Office of the Governor

Recently, I was blessed to attend a week full of meetings and events with Lt. Governor Sankey at our Nation's Capitol in Washington D.C.

We began our week by attending the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), *Tribal Unity Impact Days*. The event was centered on tribal leaders from across the nation advocating for legislation that would affect all Native Americans, including our Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

The NCAI briefing began with opening remarks from the NCAI President, Brian Cladoosby, from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The agenda continued with various congressional leaders speaking about Tribal Taxation, Native Languages and Tribal Self-Governance. A highlight of the briefing was from Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, who stated, *"Indian Tribes can do a better job running their programs than the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services ... they can do a better job than federal government employees."*

Hearing Washburn's statement was refreshing and coincides with our administration's proactive approach for providing quality services for our Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

We also attended the Congressional Briefing for the State Education Tribal Partnership (STEP) Program. We partner with Chickasaw Nation to receive this pilot program and are one of four tribes in the nation who received this grant. I am extremely proud of our staff that continues to advocate and support our C&A children through this program.

Through various supporters of the administration's direction and governance, such as the renowned Indian rights activist, writer, curator, policy advocate, and tribal member Suzan Shown Harjo, we were able to meet with the Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House, Jody Gillette, to discuss various avenues to reclaim the Ft. Reno lands. Ms. Harjo was very supportive and offered great words of encouragement and spoke of the stability that has been brought back to our Tribal Government. Her knowledge and wisdom is a blessing and I am thankful we were able to meet her.

As the week progressed we were able to meet with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) President and CEO, Carrie Billy. She relayed great information and support for our Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, possibly joining as an associate member of AIHEC.

Our week ended with us attending the, *Nation-to-Nation Treaties: Treaties between the United States and American Indian Nations*, special symposium at the National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian. Various remarks and perspectives of how important we, as Native American tribes and Nations, truly need to recognize and enforce treaties that have been signed by our ancestors.

Ms. Harjo was a guest curator for the *Nation-to-Nation* guest exhibit, which gave a very informative and true explanation of our ancestor's history with the United States.

Attending Washington, D.C in the capacity of an elected leader was a great experience. It is a true testament of how important we, as Cheyenne and Arapaho people are, and have a sovereign right to advocate for our rights and honor our ancestors who sacrificed for us to be alive today. This experience in Washington, D.C. has given a fresh perspective to serving our Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

In closing, I would like to say how thankful the Lt. Governor and I are for the continued support and prayers.

Tribal leaders on Capitol Hill, push legislative priorities

Tribal leaders from across the country were on Capitol Hill to promote a unified legislative agenda.

With the 113th Congress winding down and the nation heading into election season, tribes are looking for action on some key issues. One of the biggest, is a fix to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*.

In February 2009, the justices ruled that the land-into-trust process applies only to tribes that were "under federal jurisdiction" in 1934. Five years later, Congress has yet to address the situation while litigation continues to tie up the courts and the executive branch.

The Senate Indian Affairs Committee approved S.2188, one version of the fix, in June, but there's been little movement on the Senate floor. Meanwhile, over in the House, H.R. 666 and H.R. 279 have yet to receive a hearing.

Native languages are also high on the agenda this year. Tribes are pushing for passage of S.1948, the Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act, and S.2299, the Native American Language Reauthorization Act.

Carcieri, Native languages, voting rights and more were discussed during the Tribal Unity Impact Days. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Alaska Federation of Natives and the United South and Eastern Tribes were among the sponsors of this event.

Submitted photo

Governor Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey were among tribal leaders attending the Tribal Unity Impact Days in Washington, D.C.

Native leaders applaud passage of Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act

Tribes are applauding Congress's passage of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2013, which in effect mandates that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) respect the treaties, signaling a victory for both Indian country and unity, Native leaders said.

In ceasing the taxation of tribal welfare and other benefits to members, the legislation, H.R. 3043 and S. 1507, as the House and Senate versions were respectively known, puts tribes on par with states when it comes to such public programs. In so doing, it also reaffirms tribal sovereignty, leaders said.

"The bill is designed to stop IRS efforts to tax tribal citizens who receive essential tribal government programs and services, such as housing, education, elder and child care, and cultural awards, among other things," wrote Oglala Sioux Tribe President Bryan Brewer in describing the situation that the bill would remedy.

"This is an important day in Indian country," said Colley Billie, Chairman of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida as well as of the General Welfare Exclusion Task Force for the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), noting that tribes across the country had joined in support of the measure. "With Congress' passage of H.R. 3043, federal tax policy will finally be aligned with federal Indian law and the U.S. Constitution in a way that fully respects the sovereignty of tribal governments."

The bill passed in the House on Sept. 17 with a vote of 277-141, and the Senate passed the bill unanimously the following day. Billie noted that the efforts of many people, especially politicians, provided impetus.

"As a proud member of USET, I want to thank the strong coalition of USET tribal leaders, and the many tribal leaders and tribal advocates across Indian country for their extraordinary effort and support of this historic piece of legislation; as well as Congress for passing this important legislation for Indian country, and we especially thank Rep. Devin Nunes and Senators Jerry Moran and Heidi Heitkamp for introducing this bill and working tirelessly to pass this legislation," Billie said in a USET statement.

"Under what is known as the general welfare doctrine, the IRS excludes a broad array of government services for purposes such as education, public safety, health, housing and culture from taxation," said Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-2nd District Kansas, in a statement supporting the billon the House floor. "However, this is not always the case for tribal nations. Recently the IRS has challenged tribal general welfare programs despite many of these being nearly identical to tax exempt programs provided by federal, state and local governments."

She said many tribes, including the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, the Kickapoo, Iowa and the Sac and Fox Nation in Kansas had approached her about the situation.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce had also expressed support for the bill, in a letter to the Senate after the House passage. In addition to putting tribes on par with state and other programs, the new law establishes a training and education program for IRS agents who will implement the new rules, and suspends any current IRS investigations related to these benefits until enough personnel are versed.

"Passage would represent an important and positive step toward removing roadblocks to economic success in Indian country, and would reaffirm Congress' longstanding commitment to tribal sovereignty and self- determination," said the business organization in a letter urging Senate via Majority Leader Harry Reid and Republican Leader Mitch McConnell to support the bill. The letter also alluded to the Chamber's Native American Enterprise Institute Initiative, which supports entrepreneurship in Indian Country.

Annual Tribal Council meeting, Oct. 4

Candidates running for Tribal Council Coordinator position

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes annual Tribal Council meeting will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

One of the items on the agenda will be the selection of a new Tribal Council Coordinator. Below, in alphabetical order, are the candidates who are running for the Tribal Council Coordinator position.

Also posted is the Transportation Schedule for the Tribal Council meeting.

New Business:

1. Selection of Tribal Council Coordinator and Terms and Conditions of Employment.
2. Tribal Council Approval to Hire an Attorney to Represent the Interests of the Tribal Council Authorities and Responsibilities.
3. Authorize the Governor to Renew Existing Public Law 93-638 Multi-Year (2015-2017) Contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Aid to Tribal Government, Adult Education, Indian Child Welfare and Emergency Youth Shelter Programs.
4. Adopt the 2014 Tribal Transportation Safety Plan.
5. Disaffirming and Disavowing Richard Goralewicz as a Cheyenne & Arapaho Supreme Court Justice.
6. Approve the 2015 Budget
7. Amend Tribal Council Resolution No: 100105ATC061.
8. Disaffirming and Disavowing the Boswell (Webber) "Supreme Court" including Richard Goralewicz as a Cheyenne and Arapaho Supreme Court Justice.

. For questions or more information call the Office of the Tribal Council at (405) 422-7430.

(Note: Full copies of resolutions and agenda were printed in the Sept. 15, 2014 edition of the Tribal Tribune.)

Vera E. Franklin

The position of the Tribal Council Coordinator (TCC) requires a dedication to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council, which I believe has not been fully realized by previous Tribal Council Coordinators. The Constitutional Revision Committee believed in the importance of creating a Tribal Council Branch which would give our people a voice in what happens within.

The people must be kept informed of all the Bills passed by the Legislature in order to weigh in on what the Legislature is passing. It should be the coordinator's responsibility to develop a system to inform the public of what Bills the Legislature have passed. They have a Constitutional Right to repeal any Bill they feel is not within the best interest of the tribe.

The TCC should be well versed in the past lawsuits filed in behalf of the Tribal Council. These Laws are in effect and help in the growth and progression of the Tribal Council and protect the tribal council's interests. Because the Tribal Council may only meet once or twice a year however, business continues all year long, the TCC has to be the eyes and ears for the Tribal Council. The TCC needs to attend as many of the Executive and Legislative sessions as possible.

The TCC also needs to be able to handle difficult situations and sometimes difficult people and remain polite and courteous.

I hope you will find me the best person for this position because of my active involvement in the Tribal Council for the past 20+ years. I have developed resolutions and actively pursued passage by addressing the Tribal Council to educate them on the resolution.

I have been an active voice on other resolutions as well sometimes opposing them, when I believed they weren't good for the tribes. This democracy in action can be positive even when it appears in opposition. I'm a recovering Alcoholic of 34 years and because of my recovery I have learned to forgive myself of past mistakes, learn from them and go on to be a productive human being.

Greetings. My name is LaRenda Morgan and I am an enrolled member of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

My parents are Mildred Black, Cheyenne-Arapaho of El Reno, Chester Whiteman, Cheyenne-Arapaho of Geary Okla., and the late Forrest Rickman, Otoe Missouria.

I attended high school at Carter Seminary Boarding School and graduated in 1992. I have received a Bachelor's of Arts degree as well as a Master's of Human Relations degree from the University of Oklahoma in Norman Okla.

After graduating with my master's degree in 2011, I returned to our tribe with education, to serve in Social Services as a caseworker, and was appointed to Executive Director of Social Services until January 2014.

I have a passion to serve my people in other capacities. I have worked the front line services for the tribal members and with my experience and education; I am qualified and want to serve the tribe once again as Tribal Council Coordinator.

I have worked to serve my people with dedication, compassion and dependability, and provided positive outcomes and resources to help those in need. I want to continue my path in working for the good of the tribe and will uphold the position with unbiased and honest work performance.

I am humbly asking for your selection as the Tribal Council Coordinator. I was raised to love our tribe and care about us as a whole.

Larenda Morgan

With much respect to all.

Phyllis Naranjo

My name is Phyllis Naranjo, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

I am running for the Tribal Council Coordinator position and feel that I am qualified for this position.

I am currently the Business Council Secretary for the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation in Ibapah, Utah and do exactly the same thing that this position description entails. I have also worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes previously in this same capacity as well.

When I first started my career in the 1970s the late Peggy Sue Horse, who believed in me to perform the job as Tribal Clerk/Election Board Clerk for the tribes, mentored me. I had the opportunity to sit with the Tribal Council at meetings and took minutes and prepared necessary paperwork for them.

For 23 years I worked for the U. S. DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs and have worked with various other tribal organizations throughout Indian Country. I am able to work with federal agencies, state and local governments, in a professional manner and able to communicate both verbally and in writing. I work independently and see that all work assignments are carried out in a timely fashion. I am constantly in the forefront of any organization I have worked with on a daily basis. Past supervisors have never overlooked my professional skills and I have been awarded with letters of commendations.

I feel I would be an asset to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in the capacity of Tribal Council Coordinator and ask for your vote on Oct. 4.

Greetings Tribal Council, my name is Pete Salinas and I am asking for your vote in choosing me as the next Tribal Council Coordinator.

The Tribal Council is an important, but too often ignored, branch of our government when it should be the direct voice and will of the people.

We should have a strong influence in how our government operates and with who. But we can only do so if we are aware of what our government is planning and with who.

The PokerTribes contract and the unauthorized and secret spending of $9.6 million of tribal funds is but one glaring example of what can happen if some of those in our government are not watched closely.

Other candidates for TCC can say what they would do but for the past few years I have been informing and educating tribal members of the activities of our government on the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal Council Facebook page, which I created. I encourage tribal members to visit this page to see the work I have done.

I have been, and will continue to be a strong advocate for openness, transparency and our government working for the benefit of the people.

Should you choose me as coordinator I would be able to commit my full time and efforts in keeping you informed of the activities of your government and your constitutional rights to know the effects of those activities on you as tribal members.

I would also like to state that should you choose me as coordinator, I would use the full power and resources of this office to ensure that the resolutions we have passed are actually followed through with and enforced.

I thank you for your support and hope to see you at the annual Tribal Council meeting on Saturday, Oct. 4th.

Pete Salinas

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October 4, 2014 at 10 a.m.

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BLUE ROUTE

Town	Location	Pick-up Time
Hammon	Community Hall (801 Dunn St.)	7:15 a.m.
Elk City	Love's Travel (2703 E Hwy 66)	7:30 a.m.
Clinton	Domino Food & Fuel (1324 W Gary Blvd)	8:00 a.m.
Thomas	Sewell Park (East of Pool)	8:35 a.m.
Weatherford	Hutch's (7th & Main Street)	9:00 a.m.

GREEN ROUTE

Town	Location	Pick-up Time
Woodward	Wal-Mart (3215 Williams Ave-N Parking Area)	6:30 a.m.
Seiling	Community Hall (411 N Main)	7:00 a.m.
Longdale	Jiffy Trip (Hwy 59 & 1st Street)	7:40 a.m.
Canton	Community Hall (206 N Jefferson)	8:00 a.m.
Watonga	IHS (1306 S Clarence Nash Blvd)	8:30 a.m.
Kingfisher	Wal-Mart (200 Starlite Dr)	9:00 a.m.

RED ROUTE

Town	Location	Pick-up Time
Oklahoma City	OnCue (Reno & MacArthur)	8:00 a.m.
Geary	Community Hall (121 E Main)	9:00 a.m.
Calumet	Jiffy Trip (121 S Central Rd)	9:15 a.m.
El Reno	Save A Lot (400 W Sunset Dr)	9:35 a.m.

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commander Wynkoop began issuing rations to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people and they were talking every day back and forth.

"Suddenly the commander (Wynkoop) was removed and a new one was put in his place and he (new commander) was not comfortable with the Cheyenne and Arapaho camping so close to the fort, so he told them, 'I am not going to issue out rations any more, since you are at Sand Creek, 40 miles away, you stay there, you are under the protection of the U.S. Government, you will be safe and when I find out what my superiors want to do with you, I will come out and tell you,'" Halaas recited pausing for a moment.

A Day of Horror

Halaas said the village of Sand Creek was a Chief's village and very few fighting men.

"Perhaps of the 750 people there, perhaps there were 200 of fighting age. A lot of orphans and a lot of widows lived at the village, who received protection from the Chiefs, there was a larger camp on Smokey Hill about 50 miles away, but this was the village that was promised protection by the U.S. Government," Halaas struck his fist on the podium as he continued. "On Nov. 28, 1864, Col. John M. Chivington and around 675 troops suddenly appeared out of no where at Ft. Lyon. Chivington, who was a barrel of man, stood 6'4", with a chest that stretched his uniform, bearded, and a former Methodist preacher, in fact, the head of the Methodist Church in Colorado. Chivington came in and surrounded the fort so that nobody, not even soldiers could get out of the fort."

Halaas said Chivington announced that he was there to kill Indians and he was going to attack the village of Sand Creek.

"Now some of the officer's told Chivington he could not do that, because the people at Sand Creek had been promised protection. Chivington yelled out, 'Damn any man who is in sympathy of Indians.' And at 8 o'clock in the evening Chivington left the fort and started towards Sand Creek, the soldiers marched all night and arrived at the camp at dawn and charged the village, it wasn't quite sun up, and the light was dim," Halaas said.

"With those 675 troops, were four mountain howitzers with killing power that shoot a round iron ball that will explode, and inside are mini balls. It is a lethal weapon. As the soldiers attacked, White Antelope walked towards the soldiers, he had been in Washington in 1851, met the president, got a Peace Medal, and was a known Peace Chief. As White Antelope advanced he was singing a song, his journey song as he was shot down, he was among the first to die. The people looked towards Black Kettle and he had above his lodge the United States flag with a white flag of peace underneath it," Halaas said.

Halaas said Black Kettle did not believe the soldiers were going to harm his people, that Black Kettle believed the soldiers had come to speak with them.

"As Black Kettle was telling his people the soldiers were not there to hurt them, people were dropping all around him," Halaas said. "Women and children and mothers with babies in their arms began fleeing up stream, away from the soldiers. It did not matter who they were … they were shot down."

Halaas said screams pierced the air; the village men quickly got to their weapons, bows and arrows mainly and tried to defend the women and children who were now desperately trying to get out of the way.

"They started digging sand pits trying to get their babies into some sort of protection. The soldiers chased them, these pits were all along the camp and some maybe a fourth a mile outside of camp and others two miles away were frantically digging pits. Most of these pits turned into death pits. The men fought with a desperation protecting their families," Halaas loudly said. "Then the awful thing began, as the people were killed the soldiers went among the dead and started mutilating them. Scalping them, cutting off body parts. This went on for six to nine hours. At night it got bitter cold, mothers were trying to find grass, to wrap their children. Many got away, 200 were killed, and of those 200 were women, children, babies, and elderly. Perhaps 50 fighting men were killed. The survivors made their way to the Smokey Hills Camp where they received protection. It was a huge village, should Chivington attack there he would have never gotten out alive."

Halaas said the effects of that day in history are still being felt today.

"The immediate after math, was that the troops returned to Denver carrying the body parts that were taken from the bodies of the dead. Almost a month later, on Dec. 28, 29 and 30 at a theater in Denver the soldiers displayed the parts to the public," Halaas said. "Some Denver citizens cheered the returning soldiers, who displayed their human trophies on stage. But some were appalled at the killing and mutilations."

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Dr. David Halaas, historian and author. speaks of the horrific massacre at Sand Creek on Sept. 9, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Right: A replica of a Mountain Howitzer, Chivington brought four along with 675 troops to massacre Indians at Sand Creek on Nov. 29, 1864.

Meet the Native American grandmother who just beat the Washington Redskins

By Hunter Walker

The woman who was the driving force behind the cases that led the U.S. Patents and Trademarks Office to cancel the federal trademarks for the Washington Redskins is 69-year-old grandmother and longtime Native American activist, Suzan Harjo.

"Suzan has been fighting this since 1992. Native American people have been fighting this since 1972. The reason it has come up recently is because Suzan has worked really hard to bring this in the public eye," Amanda Blackhorse, one of the five Native American plaintiffs in the case filed before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board said. "She's just a tremendous woman. She's a strong Native American woman, and I'm so happy to have met her and to have been a part of all this because this is what we need to do."

Harjo was born in Oklahoma and is of Cheyenne and Muscogee ancestry, with tribal membership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. In a conversation with *Business Insider* shortly after the U.S. Patents and Trademarks Office's decision was announced, Harjo said she became involved with political activism while she was still in school.

"One time when I was in school, I was selected by our Cheyenne leadership to come to Washington with them. And when my family asked, 'Why do you want her to go?' They said, 'Because she talks good and she ain't afraid of nobody.' So, those became resumé items," Harjo recounted.

In high school, Harjo was inspired to fight against what she describes as "racist stereotypes in American sports" because of an Oklahoma Native American activist named Clyde Warrior.

"He made a personal cause of getting rid of the mascot 'Little Red' at the University of Oklahoma," Harjo said of Warrior. "Most of the Indians in Oklahoma couldn't stand 'Little Red' and we called him the dancing idiot. He was always portrayed by a white guy in Indian costume."

Little Red was eventually banished by University of Oklahoma President J. Herbert Hollomon in 1970.

According to Harjo, activists involved in the effort to eliminate Native American mascots always viewed the Washington Redskins football team as "the worst" offender.

"No matter where you went or what was the mascot fight of the moment in any locale, everyone would always say, 'And the worst one is right there in the nation's capital, the Washington team name,'"said Harjo. "It was the worst one, everyone pointed to it."

Harjo moved to Washington D.C. in 1974. Soon after her arrival, she said someone gave her and her husband tickets to a Redskins game.

"We're football fans and we can separate the team name from the game, so we went to a game. And we didn't stay for the game at all, because people started, someone said something, 'Are you this or that?' So, we started to answer, then people started like pulling our hair," explained Harjo. "And they would call us that name and it was very weird for us. So, we just left and never went to another game."

Harjo said her experience at the Redskins game "solidified" her opposition to stereotypical Native American sports mascots.

"That just solidified it for me because it wasn't just name calling, it was what the name had promoted," Harjo said. "That's the example of what objectification is. You strip the person of humanity and they're just an object and you can do anything. You strip the person of humanity and they're just an object and you can do anything. You can pull their hair. I wouldn't even touch someone else."

Harjo, who eventually became the first president of the Morning Star Institute, a D.C.-based national Native rights organization, began looking for ways to change the Redskins name. She said she settled on the strategy of trying to get the team's trademark canceled after she was contacted by a Minneapolis lawyer named, Stephen Baird in 1992.

Courtesy photo

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Suzan Harjo, has been fighting against Indian sports mascots since 1992.

According to Harjo, Baird was working on a law review article about his theory the Redskins' trademark could be canceled based on a section of the U.S. Trademark Act prohibiting trademarks that "may disparage ... persons, living or dead, institutions, beliefs, or national symbols." Harjo said Baird heard she had "looked at all sorts of causes of action, and not settled on any of them, and had been talking with various attorneys about ways that we could approach this." When Baird called her, Harjo said his "first question" was why she rejected using the Patent and Trademark Office as a forum to fight the Redskins name.

"And I said, I have no idea what you're talking about," Harjo remembered with a laugh. "Once he explained his theory, I was so intrigued by his theory. It was very different from the kinds of things we'd been looking at. It didn't interfere with free speech, it wasn't even forcing a decision. What it's saying is, 'Here's what the federal government will or will not sanction.' Because, it's the federal government's role to grant the exclusive privilege of making money off this name."

After she decided to use Baird's strategy, Harjo brought a case to the Patent and Trademark Office with herself as the plaintiff in 1992. Though she was initially victorious in 1999, the Redskins appealed in federal district court and eventually won due to something Harjo termed a "technicality", the federal judge ruled Harjo was too old to be the plaintiff and should have brought the case closer to her 18th birthday.

"We wondered if she wasn't, you know, a cheerleader for the team," Harjo said of the judge. "It turned out that she and her husband, actually were regular attend-

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Tribes lease land to local farmer, opportunity for tribal members interested in learning to farm

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On Aug. 21, 2014 a resolution (#5L-SS-2014-0909-001), Authorization to sign Lease for Agricultural Use, was presented to the Cheyenne and Arapaho 5th Legislature during a special session called by Governor, Eddie Hamilton. The resolution passed the legislature with a vote of 5 for, 1 against and 2 absent.

The land, consisting of approximately 1017 acres, is located on the Concho Reserve within Canadian County. Mark Carter, J&J Agriculture in Okarche, Okla., the lessee, agreed to lease the land at a rate of $45/per acre for a total of $45, 798.30/per year for four years.

"That land has just sat there for years and no one has ever come forward asking to farm it nor shown any interest in the land. This is an opportunity for tribal members who are interested in learning about farming to learn from the ground up by J&J Agriculture, who has agreed to work side by side with our tribal members who are interested," Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor, Eddie Hamilton said. "We are going to take applications for a period of 60 days beginning Oct. 1 for anyone interested in learning this trade and I am hoping we have some tribal members who will be dedicated to learning about how to farm this land, that we may continue farming it long after the lease expires. It is also an opportunity to produce revenue for our tribes of over $183,000 by the end of the four year lease."

According to the most recent Oklahoma Pasture Rental Rates distributed by the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Services office in El Reno, Okla., the state average for rental rates of Bermuda and other pastures is $12.33/per acre with the lowest going for $3/acre and the highest being $37/acre.

Within the lease agreement, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes reserves the right to determine the tribal members who will be allowed to gather all native nuts and fruits and the right to engage in the hunting and fishing provided these activities do not interfere with normal farming and grazing operations. Also within the lease, any fencing and improvements, buildings, etc., are to remain on the premises after said lease is completed.

Interested in Learning To Farm?
For more details and an application Contact Anissa White at (405) 422-7733

University of Kansas, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences selects three distinguished alumni

LAWRENCE-KS-The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas (KU) has selected three graduates to honor with its Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award for 2014-2015. The award is the highest recognition the college bestows upon its graduates.

The recipients' varied professional pursuits reflect the versatility of a liberal arts and sciences degree. Their careers include accomplishments in the fields of geology, art and medicine.

Honorees are William Fisher, stratigrapher and petroleum geologist; Edgar Heap of Birds, pioneer in Native American conceptual art, and Sharon Lee, founding physician of a nonprofit clinic.

The recipients are selected by the college's alumni advisory board. The award recognizes graduates' contributions to KU, their professions or their communities. The college will recognize the recipients at events hosted nationwide throughout the year.

"These men and women have made outstanding contributions in their fields and communities, truly embodying the college's mission to learn without boundaries," said Hamilton Hill, chair of the advisory board. "They are an inspiration to Jayhawks everywhere, and it's an honor to recognize these outstanding alumni."

The event recognizing Heap of Birds is open to the public and will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Cider Gallery in Lawrence, Kansas.

Edgar Heap of Birds is one of three alumni awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award at the University of Kansas.

Edgar Heap of Birds is a pioneer of conceptual Native American art. Heap of Birds works in a variety of media, including multidisciplinary forms of public art, large-scale drawings, acrylic paintings, prints, works in glass and monumental porcelain enamel on steel outdoor sculpture.

He has exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of Art, Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and Venice Biennale, as well as galleries and museums in Australia, Germany, Canada, Ireland, South Africa, China, Indonesia and France. Through his work, Heap of Birds aims both to educate the public on indigenous peoples and to present contemporary indigenous people as individuals with a free persona to express themselves.

Heap of Birds received a KU Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in 1976.

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The Culture and Heritage Program Presents "The Sand Creek Massacre and the Civil War"

A final draft video, *The Sand Creek Massacre and the Civil War*, was provided by the National Park Service of Colorado. This video is approximately 50 minutes and 45 seconds long.

The Culture and Heritage Program will show the film at the following locations:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Canton Community Ctr.	Oct. 20	7-8:30 pm
Watonga Multi-Purpose Bldg.	Oct. 21	7-8:30 pm
Clinton Community Ctr.	Oct. 22	7-8:30 pm
Concho Community Ctr.	Oct. 23	7-8:30 pm

Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Cultural and Heritage Director, Max Bear (405) 262-0345 ext. 27714, Karen LittleCoyote ext. 27443, or Greg Spottedbird ext. 27522.

Culture and Heritage staff will also be accepting applications for the upcoming Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run.

For applications for the Sand Creek Healing Run contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. offices at (405) 422-7578.

New owner of Geary Star newspaper

The Geary Star is under new ownership.

Brett Wesner, a native of Cordell, Okla., recently purchased the weekly newspaper from Fred and Elesha Bingham.

Wesner has been in the newspaper business for 25 years. His company, Wesner Publications, publishes eight newspapers and two magazines in Oklahoma and Texas.

"We are very excited about becoming more involved in the Geary community," Wesner said. "We have been publishing the community newspapers in Watonga and Hinton for more than three years, so Geary is a great fit for our work."

Wesner has named Carla Schultz as general manager and Darrel James as editor of *The Star*.

"Both of these individuals are talented newspaper professionals with whom I have worked for some time in Watonga and Hinton," Wesner said.

Elesha Bingham will continue working at *The Star* covering events and taking photographs.

"A few changes are in the works with the takeover of the new owners," Bingham said. "One is that they plan to publish on Thursday."

The Geary Star had been in the Bingham family since 1969 when Glynn and Millie Bingham purchased it from U.H. Warner. Fred and Elesha Bingham purchased the paper in 1992.

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LIHEAP providing window units

Submitted by Social Services

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be providing 150 window units to Cheyenne and Arapaho families and other Native American families that meet eligibility for the program. Since the program is limited to how many families able to be served, the process will be first come, first serve.

Below is the eligibility requirements for this program:

1. Meet Income criteria,
2. Must provide proof of income for everyone 18 years or older that reside in the home,
3. Provide tribal identification for at least one person in household,
4. Provide ORIGINAL energy bill,
5. Reside in the tribal service area, which include the Beckham, Kingfisher, Blaine, Major, Canadian, Roger Mills, Custer, Washita, Dewey, City of Woodward and Ellis.

Social Services Policy and Procedures for Distributing Window Units

The process will be first-come, first serve.

When entering the building, Social Services staff will provide families with a number.

After receiving the maximum amount of families that the program is able to assist with the window units in the specific community, the first 15 families will not be on the top of the list to receive heaters that will be distributed at a later date.

If families do not qualify for the program, the family will not receive a window unit.

If the family does not provide the required documentation that is listed for the requirements of the program on the distribution date, they will not be eligible for assistance, which will result in not receiving a window unit.

With the families that receive a window unit, the family will not be eligible to be the first 15 families on the list to receive a heater, but will be eligible to receive a heater if the family meets the criteria during the outreach event when distributing heating units.

For any questions, please contact the Social Services Coordinator, Breanna Faris at (405) 422-7583 or Nikki Factor-Navarro, Executive Director Department of Social Services at (405) 422-7877.

Thank you and we appreciate everyone's cooperation in regards to this matter.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

Social Services
Community Outreach

Social Services will be providing window AC units to communities.

Outreach services will be provided on dates listed below at the following locations:

- October 7, 2014 Clinton Community Center @ 11:00 AM
- October 8. 2014 Seiling Community Center @ 11:00 AM
- October 9, 2014 Hammon Community Center @ 11:00 AM
- October 10, 2014 Canton Community Center @ 11:00 AM
- October 14, 2014 Concho Community Center @ 11:00 AM
- October 15, 2014 Watonga Community Center @ 11:00 AM
- October 16, 2014 Woodward (location TBD) @ 11:00 AM

If there are any further questions please contact Social Services

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BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

National Indian Education 2014 Convention and Trade Show

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Oct. 22-24, 2014 at the Hamptin Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

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Oct. 28-30, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 11th annual National Native American, "Fatherhood is Leadership" Conference

Nov. 5-7, 2014 at the Marriott Mesa Hotel in Mesa, Ariz. For more information visit www.nativeamericanfathers.org.

Tribal Interior Budget Council

Nov. 5-6, 2014 at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

NACA annual Conference and Expo

Nov. 10-13, 2014 at the Miramonte Hotel and Resort in Palm Springs, Calif. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

The fifth annual Native American Health Care Conference

Nov. 12-14, 2014 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Supervision and Management Skills: Leadership in the Tribal Workplace

Nov. 19-20, 2014 at the Sevenfeathers Casino Resort in Canyonville, Ore. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitue.com.

Planning and Managing Construction Projects in Indian Country

Dec. 3-5, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

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Dec. 8-9, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. Visit www.falmouthinstitue.com.

The 14th annual National Indian Nations Conference

Dec. 8-11, 2014 in Coachella Valley, Calif. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Breast Cancer Awareness

A little pink ribbon has become the trademark for Breast Cancer Awareness.

For some, not much knowledge is known about breast cancer beyond the pink ribbon. There is an abundance of products with the pink ribbon available in stores. This is good because a portion of the profits from this product goes toward breast cancer research.

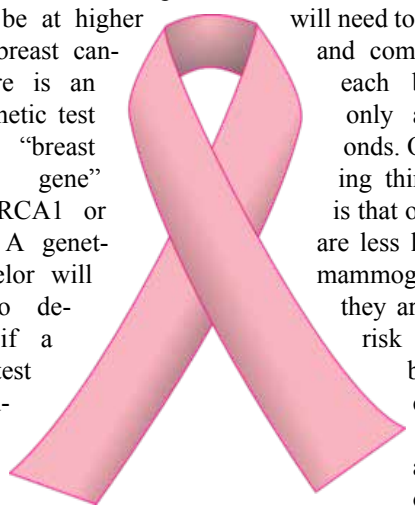
According to the American Cancer Society, "dramatic improvements in cancer research, treatment and early detection, millions of women are surviving breast cancer today."

Common breast cancer facts are one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast Cancer is the most common form of cancer among women.

What is breast cancer? The Center for Disease Control lists cancer, in the simplest terms, as a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. Breast cancer is when cancer starts in the breast. If cancer appears somewhere else is the body after a person receives a breast cancer diagnosis, it is still considered breast cancer.

There are risk factors for breast cancer that we cannot change such as increasing age, family or personal history, race, exposure to radiation, genetic factors, dense breast tissue, menstrual history, and reproductive history. There are risk factors for breast cancer that we can control such as obesity, exercise, breastfeeding, alcohol consumption, hormone replacement therapy, and birth control pills.

When there are several members from the same family who are diagnosed with breast cancer, the general thought tends to be that breast cancer is inherited or runs in the family genes. When a person has a family member with breast cancer, this person will be at higher risk for breast cancer. There is an actual genetic test for the "breast cancer gene" called BRCA1 or BRCA2. A genetic counselor will screen to determine if a genetic test is needed. Only 10 percent of people diagnosed with breast cancer will have the BRCA gene. This means most people who are diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of breast cancer.



When breast cancer is detected early, the five year survival rate is about 97 percent. A good plan for breast health is a yearly mammogram beginning at age 40, annual clinical breast examination, and monthly breast self-exams.

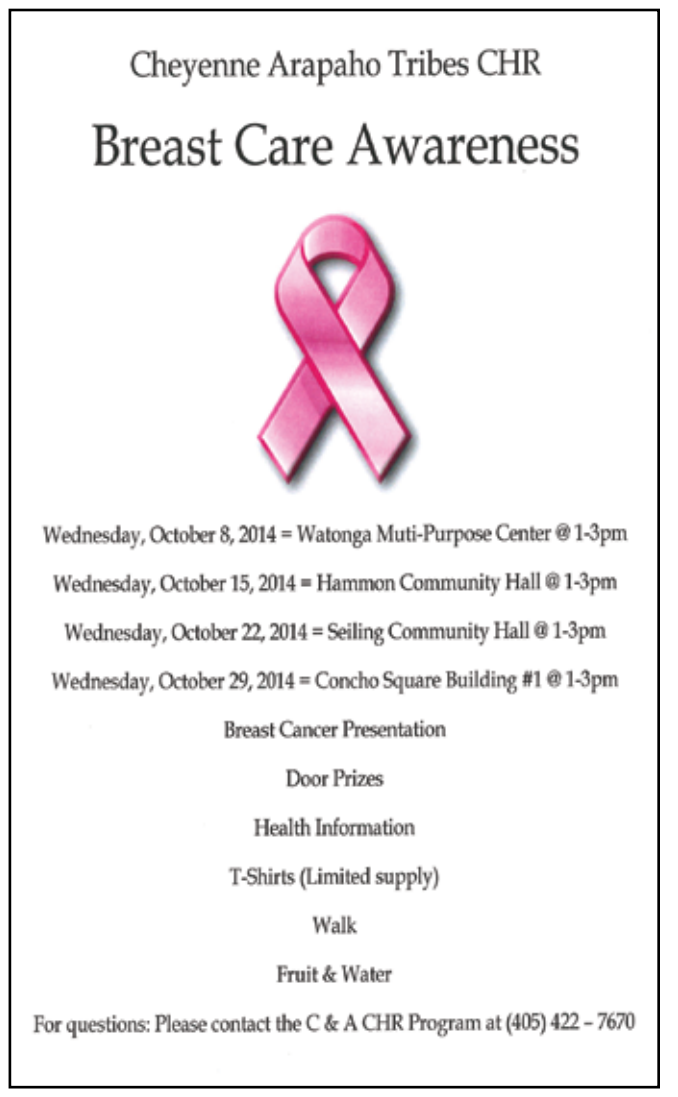
A mammogram is an x-ray used to detect changes in breast tissue. A mammogram is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance plans. A low cost mammogram is available through the American Cancer Society.

Clinton Service Unit (CSU) has an actual mammogram in radiology. CSU also contracts with the Oklahoma Breast Care to have mammogram vans at certain locations on certain dates during each year. The actual time it takes to get a mammogram is about 20 minutes. Only the clothes worn above the waist will need to be removed and compression on each breast lasts only a few seconds. One interesting thing to know is that older women are less likely to get mammograms yet they are at highest risk for getting breast cancer.

There are plenty of different tests for breast cancer. While the tests may seem cumbersome, the results of these tests will help in the treatment plan and proper care. Not every treatment plan is the same for breast cancer. A treatment plan is usually based off the pathology report that reports on things such as size, stage, lymph node status, hormone receptor status, and more. For more information visit www.breastcancer.org.

One notable fact about breast cancer is the relationship with weight and estrogen. When a person controls their weight and is not obese, their risk for breast cancer decreases. When an obese person has most of their weight located around the waist, their risk for breast cancer increases. The good news is when that obese person decreases their waist by an inch, the risk for breast cancer decreases considerably. Likewise, the more overweight a woman is, the more estrogen her body has. This increase in estrogen also increases the risk for breast cancer. In addition, estrogen has other effects on the risk for breast cancer. The risk for breast cancer increases when a girl starts menstruating earlier than age 12. The risk for breast cancer increases if a woman goes through menopause later than age 55.

Many other programs and organizations are coming together with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Education Program in the organization of the Celebration of Life Breast Cancer Awareness Powwow and Health Fair. During this time of planning and preparation, Health Education Program has been in contact with several breast cancer survivors and/or their family members. The Health Education Program found survivors to be very thankful. All the breast cancer survivors and/or their members are very eager to help and want to do what they can for this event. It has been a time of great experience for the Health Education Program. Perhaps the most important thing to remember about breast cancer is that the best treatment is prevention.



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ees of the team games and her husband, his law firm had represented the team at one point."

As her case began to lose appeals, Harjo said she began organizing what she described as the "young people's lawsuit" in 2005. She began watching protests against stereotypical mascots in order to recruit young Native Americans who were committed to the cause and could serve as plaintiffs in a new case that could not be appealed on the same grounds.

"It seemed like 18-24 ... those were the brackets," said Harjo. "That's what many courts had said about what constitutes young people."

Amanda Blackhorse was the first person recruited by Harjo. At the time she was 24 and had organized a protest at a game between the Redskins and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Blackhorse is a Navajo woman who currently does social work with the Navajo Nation in Kayenta, Ariz. She said her work in the community has reinforced her belief stereotypical sports mascots need to be eliminated.

"I have an interest in what we call historical trauma, the oppression that Native Americans went through and continue to go through has a tremendous effect on our mental health and our overall well being as people," Blackhorse said. "So, that is something that is my passion. We need to work on healing our people and to also educate the public about the oppression that we have experienced and continue to experience, like these mascots."

Harjo said she was "very honest" with the five young people who joined the case about how difficult it would be to fight a legal battle against a pro-football team worth over a billion dollars.

"It's not for everyone and I was frank about the kinds of pressures that they would be up against," said Harjo. "They go through your garbage and they hire P.I.'s. It's a nasty business. They're mean, and they're big, and they have lots of money."

In addition to opposition from the team, Harjo said her work against the Redskins name has earned her death threats from the team's supporters, some of whom she described as "fanatics."

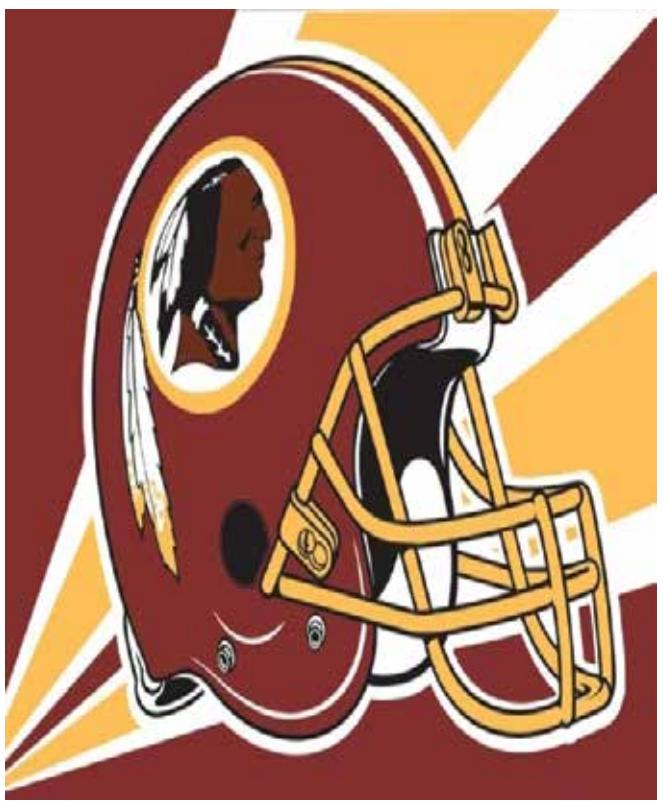
"Even if I'm here working right by the phone, I do not answer it even if I'm expecting a certain call at a certain time," Harjo said. "We get a lot of hang ups and some of those, I just assume now, are the death threats. And some of them are just, I don't want to hear people yelling at me even if they're not exactly threatening my life. I had to get a restraining order against one stalker who had developed a hostile fixation against me."

Though Harjo's "young people's lawsuit" was filed in 2006, it was put on hold until Harjo's attorneys exhausted all their remedies in the original case. Harjo said this occurred when the Supreme Court did not take up the case at the end of 2009.

Once the Patent and Trademark Office took up the new suit, Harjo said she was confident it would rule against the Redskins based on the fact the younger plaintiffs eliminated the "technicality" that caused her to lose her case on appeal.

"I was expecting it daily," she said. "I was expecting it and I was expecting a victory."

Harjo said she found out about the victory after getting an email from the lead attorney on the case.



"Then almost immediately, my son and grandson called and the voice I heard on the answering machine was congratulations from my little grandson, which was wonderful," said Harjo.

After this victory, Harjo thinks other teams with offensive Native American mascots need to "get in line."

"We've made tremendous progress. There were a little over 3,000 of these in 1970 and now there are just a little over 900," she explained. "So, we have eliminated over 2/3 of these racist stereotypes in American sports."

Harjo is particularly adamant that the Cleveland Indians baseball team needs to get rid of it's mascot.

"I mean, Chief Wahoo is really the graphic equivalent of the name of the Washington team," said Harjo.

However, Harjo said she doesn't necessarily need to do anything for the anti-mascot movement to notch another victory in Cleveland. Based on the precedent this case established, she said other Native Americans can get trademarks cancelled without a lawsuit.

"They would just have to write a letter and say we're in the same position ... and we want the same internal ruling and it would be changed very easily," Harjo said. "Happily, I don't have to do anything. I mean there are people, lots of Native and non-Native people in Cleveland who want to get rid of that name and those images and are working in that direction. So, they're going to do what they will with or without me."

Harjo said a major change that has occurred in recent years is that the push to eliminate Native American mascots is no longer "just one person's fight."

"I have had the privilege of being the kind of the face of this fight, but I stand for lots and lots of people who are either vocal about it, or who want to be a part of it, or who are a part of it. This is not a small group of people," said Harjo. "Now, it's their fight. We've said now is the time for everyone to just jump into this so that it's not on the backs of a few people, especially a few young Native people."

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Ink to art, tattoo artist takes plunge on new business

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Sara Paige's passion has always been art and her dream of doing body art has come true with the opening of Tattoo Art Studio in El Reno, Okla.

Twenty-two year old, Sara Paige, has a life long dream … her own tattoo shop.

The dream became a reality with the grand opening of Tattoo Art Studio in El Reno, Okla.

"I have always been interested in being a tattoo artist. I love art, it's my passion and when I would go visit my dad we would draw out of tattoo magazines. It's one of those little kid's dreams that has come true," Paige told the Tribal Tribune as she sat cross-legged on a couch, donning a stylish hat.

Paige graduated from El Reno High School and has called El Reno home her entire life.

After finishing high school, Paige began college to study art, but her passion for doing body art prompted her to begin visiting tattoo shops, asking questions wherever she went.

"I finally got an apprenticeship at Ink Addiction, which you have to complete a two year apprenticeship before getting a license. I finally got my license in February of this year.," Paige said. "You've got to spread your wings, you know, because if you stay in one spot you will never get anywhere."

She spent her first year in apprenticeship learning the business, sterilizing, setting up and tearing down for other artists and learning the dos and don'ts of the business. She said the second year she spent actually doing tattoos.

"It's kind of like hair school, you study, you learn and get good at it by basically being an assistant at first," she said.

When asked if she had to have a strong stomach, Paige threw her head back with a hearty laugh and said, "there really isn't that much blood,"

Paige said her love and gift of art runs through her family. On her dad, Shawn Guthrie's side of the family everyone is artistic and though her mother, Casie Halpainy isn't, her grandmother (memaw), Patty Bright is.

"My parents and my family support me so much … I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them. My mom was kind of iffy at first, but we both looked into this together, the good and the bad and well … here I am," Paige laughed.

Paige said she loves small town El Reno and the local people and hopes her new business will remain steady.

"Who knows what the future holds … I never expected to be sitting here right now and here I am. Whatever life throws at me, I will go from there," Paige said smiling confidently.

Tattoo Art Studio is located at 216 S. Rock Island, El Reno, Okla. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Paige can be reached at (405) 262-1062.

Domestic Violence Awareness walk set for Oct. 9

OKLAHOMA CITY- State employees and the general public are invited to join in the Walk for Victims of Domestic Violence at noon on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 on the south lawn of the State Capitol. Participants and Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) staff are encouraged to wear purple every Thursday in October in recognition of domestic violence awareness.

Following the walk, participants are invited to visit the Domestic Violence Task Force booth at the State Capitol Health Expo and attend the Wreath of Hope Ceremony at 1 p.m. The ceremony honors those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence. DHS Director Ed Lake will be a featured speaker. The ceremony is free and open to the public and is hosted by the Oklahoma Attorney General's office, the YWCA-OKC and Verizon Wireless.

For more information about the Walk for Victims of Domestic Violence, email Sara.Scott@okdhs.org in the DHS Office of Community and Faith Engagement or call (405) 522-0621.

For information about domestic violence resources, visit okdhs.org/purpleribbon.

If you or anyone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, please call the Domestic Violence Safeline toll free at (800) 522-SAFE (7233).

Massacre

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Jacksonville Historical Society

Mochi, Buffalo Woman Warrior, as a young girl, Mochi escaped the horror of the Sand Creek Massacre. She rose among the Cheyenne people to become a woman warrior.

In 1875, she and her husband, Medicine Water were exiled by the U.S. Army to Ft. Marion, making her the only Cheyenne Woman Warrior held as a prisoner in Florida.

Oklahoma Historical Society

Chief Burning Face, a massacre survivor acquired his name during the Sand Creek Massacre.

Originally known as Big Wolf, he was 27 years old when he defended his village during the unprovoked attack by the U.S. Army. Amid the smoke and flame of the massacre, he appeared to be on fire. He survived, became a chief, and lived to be 80.

Aftermath of the Massacre

Historian Halaas said two professional soldiers refused to join the massacre, and later testified against Chivington.

In December 1864, Captain Silas Soule wrote to Major Edward "Ned" Wynkoop, who had been relieved of his command at Ft. Lyon for being too soft on Indians. His letter read, in part, "*I refused to fire and swore that none but a coward would, for by this time hundreds of women and children were coming toward us, and getting on their knees for mercy ... I tell you Ned it was hard to see little children on their knees have their brains beat out by men professing to be civilized. One woman was cut open, and a child taken out of her, and scalped."*

The effects of the attack reverberated for years, profoundly unsettling the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

"The losses left many families without providers and children without parents," Halaas softly said.

After Halaas spoke the community center was filled with silence and all that could be heard were the sniffling of noses as tears flowed from the eyes of many listening.

Sand Creek Today

The Sand Creek Massacre is a National Historic Site and memorializes the unprovoked attack on an encampment of peaceful Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians. The village was destroyed despite the presence of American and white truce flags.

Although damaged by the massacre, Cheyenne and Arapaho culture continues in modern-day Oklahoma, Montana, and Wyoming. The park is free to the public and offers a visitor contact station, bookstore, hiking trail and massacre site overlook.

The other guest speakers present were, NPS, representative, Craig Moore, Chantelle Hanshcu with the History of Colorado, Karen Wilde, NPS Sand Creek Massacre Site Tribal Liason, Tom Thomas, who spoke on the future of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site and Kaden Walksnice the youth and run advocate of the Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run/Walk that will take place Nov. 29, 2014.

The PBS television station network is currently developing a 13-hour documentary about the Sand Creek Massacre. The show will air on Nov. 27, 2014 after it airs the documentary will be available on the Internet, www.pbs.org.

For more information about how to be a part of the Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run/Walk contact Max Bear at (405) 422-7714.

Tribal TidBits

Tribal Veteran Training

The American Legion Post 401 hosted a three-day Veterans Representative training event Sept. 9-11, 2014 in Clinton, Okla.

"The American Legion Post 401 would like to say a very special thank you to Buck Richardson from Ft. Harrison, Montana, all of his trainers, Red Stone Calf, Max Bear and his staff at Culture and Heritage, Diane Barton and family, Bill Tallbear, Gordon Washee, Twila Wilson and Shockey, Ron Cline and Tammi Goodblanket from Lucky Star Casino, Sandra Fletcher and Jennifer Wilson, and all of our participants. Without you all, the Tribal Veterans training would not have been such a great success. Our post wanted to bring the training to help our veterans who need assistance with claims or issues they may be having," Carolyn Fletcher, 401 Post member said.

There will be a monthly Post 401 meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014 at the Rollin Haag NAC building in Concho Okla. There will be a potluck meal at 6 p.m. and a meeting to follow.

All veterans and those interested in the Auxiliary are invited to attend.

The membership fee for Legion members is $35 and for Auxiliary is $24.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Art Contest Winner

Lanay Blackwolf is a fifth grader at Webster Elementary in El Reno, Okla. Maria Thorpe started working with Lanay when she was at Lincoln Elementary last year.

"She is such a sweet and talented young girl," Thorpe said. "Lanay mentioned to me last year that she likes to draw, so I entered her artwork into the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association art contest; they are spreading the 'Turn Around, Don't Drown' message. She put a lot of time and work into her drawing; she even had me come spend some lunchtime with her to work on it, so we could send it off before the deadline."

Out of 230 entries received this year, 14 posters were selected to appear in the 2015 OFMA Calendar and Lanay's was selected to be in the calendar.

"Her drawing will be with the month of July 2015. I am so proud of her and very honored that I was able to work with her, she is an awesome kid with a bright future," Thorpe said. "Congratulations Lanay, the STEP program is proud of you."

R.E.Sp.E.C.T.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program hosted their Elder's Day out on Sept. 17, 2014 with a trip to the Oklahoma State Fair.

EATING well for DIABETES

Child Obesity Awareness

Kerri L. Felmlee, MS, RDN, PLD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

As this month is childhood obesity awareness month, I'd like to talk about nutrition for growing bodies. Children and teens need the right fuel for growing, learning and developing. This means your kids need foods and beverages with plenty of nutrients (protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals) and not too many calories, fats or sugars, ensuring they are happy, healthy and successful throughout life.

The secret to feeding a healthy family is to serve delicious nutrient-rich foods at every meal and snack. When children fill up on the right stuff, high quality nutrition for their bodies and brains, they will naturally have less room for the nutrient-poor choices (soft drinks, chips, candy, desserts). Here are some quick and easy ways to serve children high-octane choices from every food group, morning, noon and night.

1. Whole-Grain Foods with Carbohydrates, Fiber, B-Vitamins and More

Whole grains pack a lot of nutritional value. In recent years, there has been an explosion of new grain products on grocery shelves. With so many options, it's hard to know which ones to pick. Choose items that list whole grains as the first or second ingredient on the label. Give kids whole-grain cereals for breakfast, kid-friendly "white" whole-wheat bread for sandwiches, crunchy whole-grain crackers for snacks and whole-grain pastas for dinner.

2. Fruits and Vegetables with Vitamins A and C, Potassium and Fiber

You can't go wrong with fruits and vegetables, fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100 percent juice.

For kids and adults alike, eating more fruits and vegetables at every meal is important for health. At breakfast, enjoy fresh or frozen berries on cereal, slices of melon or a glass of 100-percent orange juice; at lunch, serve crunchy baby carrots or sliced apples; for dinner, put brightly colored vegetables (broccoli, corn, sliced peppers, frozen peas or leafy green salad) at the center of every plate.

3. Low-fat Dairy Foods with Protein, Calcium, Potassium, Magnesium and Phosphorus

The nutrients in this group are important for kids, but most young people in America are not getting enough calcium or potassium. Fortunately, it's easy to consume the three daily dairy servings that children and teens need. There are many nutrient-rich, low-fat dairy products to choose from: an 8-ounce glass of low-fat milk with breakfast, lunch and dinner; fat-free or low-fat yogurt parfaits for breakfast or an after-school snack; or string cheese for an on-the-go energy snack.

4. Lean Meat, Poultry, Fish, Eggs, Beans or Nuts with Protein, Iron, Zinc and B-Vitamins

Whether it's growing muscles or active brains, these nutrients top the list for children. Getting enough protein at every meal and snack helps with extending satiety (feeling comfortably satisfied after eating).

While most kids eat plenty of protein at lunch and dinner, they don't necessarily get their protein fix with breakfast or snacks. Start their day with eggs, bean burritos or last night's leftovers. For snacks, provide nuts, peanut butter or other nut butters, sliced lean ham or turkey.

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first responders," Kristy Solanksy, Lucky Star Casino executive hostess said. "The least that Lucky Star Casino and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes can do on 9-11 is show our honor and appreciation to our local heroes on this memorable day that America will never forget. These men and women save lives, are part of miracles, as well as having to endure the unthinkable, which isn't always easy or controlled."

Members of the El Reno City Police Dept., Canadian County Sheriff's Dept., El Reno Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and others attended throughout the day.

The lunch and dinner was held at the new City of El Reno Public Safety Center in El Reno, Okla., which is also home to the new El Reno Fire Station.

Health Board News

Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Board Chairman, Allen Sutton, with Dr. Yvette Roubedeaux, acting director of Indian Health Service.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho health Board recently attended the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) 31st annual Consumer Conference held Sept. 8-11, 2014 in Albuquerque, N.M.

This year's theme, 'Advancing Health Care through Consultation, Technology and Tradition,' acknowledges three important pillars of the Indian health system.

Culture and tradition are keys in restoring healthy Native communities, and throughout the conference we heard about new opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Natives to integrate tradition into our health system.

From oral health and public health to youth health and wellness, tribes across Indian Country are embracing traditional healing and therapy methods to advance health care in their communities.

At the same time, new technological possibilities exist so that Indian Country can be on the cutting edge of health communication.

HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

Oct. 2014

Housing Highlights October 2014
Important Things Home Buyers Need to Know and Remember

What is MEPA?

MEPA is equity that is supposed to help you pay off your home. However, it may be used for repairs if you have equity that is accruing each month. When using MEPA, you are making a loan from yourself. MEPA use requires that the Home Buyer is current with all payments to the Housing Authority. If you only pay the required administrative amount of your house payment or get behind in payments, you are not accruing MEPA each month.

How do I use MEPA?

Complete a MEPA request (available from your housing specialist).

Once you turn the application in to your housing specialist, he/she will determine if you are eligible. (Review by the director of housing.)

If eligible, the housing specialist will assist you with a bid solicitation and plan specifications. If not eligible, you will be notified in writing and given an explanation of why you are ineligible.

Emergency Repairs

Emergency repairs are those that pose a health or safety hazard. These repairs will be done by the Housing Authority and a chargeback agreement must be done to your account. We will work with you to make your payments reasonable but want you and your family to be safe. We will determine these on a case by case basis. Please contact your housing specialist in the event you have an emergency situation.

Annual Community Homebuyer meetings will be held every Wednesday in October beginning at 6 p.m.

Oct. 1-Hammon Community Hall for Hammon and Elk City.

Oct. 8-Clinton Community Hall for Clinton, Weatherford, and Thomas.

Oct.15-Concho Community Hall for El Reno and Kingfisher.

Oct. 22-Seiling Community Hall for Seiling, Canton, and Woodward.

Oct. 29-Geary Community Hall for Geary and Watonga.

These meetings are an opportunity for the Housing Authority to provide information on services. We will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Please plan to attend if you have a home in our program. We look forward to seeing you there.

Three Sisters Stew

Cooking with USDA Foods

Furnished by the Food Distribution Program

1 pound ground beef
2 cups onions, diced
6 cups water
2 cans (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes, low-sodium
6 cups red skinned potatoes, cubed
1 cup zucchini, diced
1 can (15.5 oz) kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (15.5 oz) black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed
½ cup quick cooking barley
4 garlic cloves, minced
1-1/2 teaspoons black pepper

In a skillet over medium high heat, brown ground beef and onions. Rinse and drain meat. In a large stock pot, add all ingredients. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer 30-35 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Serve immediately.

Events & Powwows CALENDAR

End Mass Incarceration Rally at the State Capitol

Oct. 2, 2014 at the South and North Plaza, Oklahoma State Capitol. Guest speaker will be Senator Constance Johnson and showing of documentary, The House I Live In, about the war on drugs. For more information call (501) 455-2817.

Clinton Service Unit Youth Powwow Coronation Dance

Oct. 11, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Crowning princesses, Tayla Bish and Marley Gamboa. Dinner served at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program Fall Break Camp-Out

Oct. 15-17, 2014 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, Concho, (405) 422-7570 or Clinton, (580) 331-2601.

Breast Cancer Awareness Powwow and Health Fair

Oct. 17-18, 2014 at the Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla. Health Fair begins Friday, Oct. 17, 12 noon - 5 p.m. Powwow is schedule for Saturday, Oct. 18 from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. Also a healing and wellness sweat will be held Saturday, Oct. 18 at 12 noon. For more information contact Deborah Ellis at (405) 422-7674 or Ruben Watan at (405) 422-7676.

Clinton I.H.S. and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes 5K and Fun Run

8 a.m., Saturday Oct. 25, 2014 at the Clinton Indian Health Center in Clinton, Okla. Open to the public and everyone is invited to attend this event in support of HIV/Aids Awareness.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program's Haunt the Zoo

Oct. 27, 2014 at the Oklahoma City Zoo. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, Concho, (405) 422-7570 or Clinton, (580) 331-2601.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program's annual Halloween Carnivals-Concho and Clinton

Oct. 29, 2014 at the Concho ballfields in Concho, Okla., and the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. building in Clinton, Okla. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, Concho, (405) 422-7570 or Clinton, (580) 331-2601.

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma's annual Reunion

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tulsa, Okla. Opening reception Friday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. For more information contact Loretta Burgess at (918) 633-7030 or by email, duskkut1951@yahoo.com or Carmen Ketcher at (918) 333-7483 or by email, Sacnfoxlady@gmail.com.

The fifth annual All Nations AA Rally

Nov. 14-15, 2014 at the Quartz Mountain Resort in Lone Wolf, Okla. Cedar Smuding ceremony, Native Flute playing, sobriety and serenity countdowns, flashlight meetings, Indian tacos, Indian corn soup with frybread, bingo and more. For more information and to register email allnationsrally@yahoo.com. To contact the Quartz Mountain Lodge call (877) 999-5567 or visit www.quartzmountainresort.com.

Culture and Heritage nights

The Cheyenne and Arapaho community centers will be open for Culture and Heritage nights. These nights are for those who wish to use the centers for drum practice, teaching songs, storytgellings, beadwork, sewing, arts and crafts and just "good old conversation."

Canton Gym, Mon., Tues., Wed., 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Annie Walker at (580) 886-3527.

Hammon Community Center, Mon., Tues., Thurs., 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Janell Byrd at (580) 799-1523.

Watonga Multi-Purpose Building, Mon., Tues., Thurs., 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Jonathan Reyes at (580) 791-0509.

Geary Community Center, Wednesdays 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Joe Fletcher at (405) 613-9958.

Seiling Community Center, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Edward Whitebuffalo at (580) 922-3212.

Concho Community Center, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Contact Elsie Sage at (405) 422-7433.

Note: Presently the Clinton Community Center falls under the Housing Authority and all inquiries for use of the building should be directed to Housing.

School clothing program deadline approaching

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' School Clothing Program (SCP) will provide supplemental funds in a one time disbursement to all approved Cheyenne and Arapaho tribally enrolled members who are between the ages of 3 and 17, and who are enrolled in Head Start through High School for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The SCP office is now accepting application through Oct. 17, 2014. Award amounts are $150.

The SCP will end on Dec. 31, 2014 and will not accept any calls or be in the office after this date due to this being a temporary program.

Please contact SCP Coorindator, Rachel Curtis or Carol Limpy, school clothing clerk at (405) 422-7445 for more information.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday
Brandy Lynn Fasthorse
Sept. 26
We are so proud of Brandy
Our little princess
Hope your day is filled with lots of wishes and hugs.
Love, mom, dad, Blaine, Baylee, Torence, Malaina, Cody, Eli, Lylah, De, Jeannie, Andie, Macye, Little, Mayella, uncle Mitch and the rest of your family from Oklahoma and Montana

Breanna Gray
Sept. 25
Happy Birthday to our sweet angel who turns 2! Sept. 25
You have brought love and happiness to the Gray and Montemayor family. God has truly blessed us. We wish you could stay a baby forever. So take your time growing up, life has a lot to offer. May God bless you with a long and healthy life
We love you very much!

Sept. 19
I want to wish my daughter a very Happy Birthday and many more
We love you so much and don't know what we would do without you, keep up the good work
From your mother, Carol Standingwater, brother John, sisters Carla and Carol

Happy Birthday
De Tallbear-Oct. 20
Brother and Sister
you said, special brothers get special sisters. It is so true. For the bond of a brother and sister, expresses so much, since it is attached with purity; as both learn from each other. And share the joy and sorrow, which increases, love of brother and sister.
As this bond is pure. And I will always cherish you, for you are unforgettable.
Love you baby brother,
Margaret Tallbear

Happy 5th Birthday
Dorene Allyn WhiteHorse!
The day you were born changed my world entirely. You made me want to be a better person! Maheo blessed me with you! My love for you is unconditional. I'm amazed at what a young lady you are becoming. Watching you dance is the greatest feeling. I couldn't have ever imagined a more perfect daughter. You amaze me everyday! I love you very, very much!
Love always and forever your mama, KayLa

Happy Birthday to my sons,
John G. Sept. 29
Shane and Shannon
Yellow Eagle
Sept. 2
Sons, I am the happiest when we are together with brother, Matthew too and grandchildren, when we are all laughing. You always make me laugh, a good, hearty laugh too. You are gifted to make people feel good and make them laugh, use your gift well. I pray Maheo will continue to bless you and take care of you.
All my love, mom

Happy 2nd Birthday
Joyce Esther Kelly Woods
Oct. 11
From mommy, Jaimee, George, and Jazmine
We love you

Happy 1st Birthday
Mia Martinez
Oct. 1
Your presence in our lives brings us lots of happiness. Your smile created just for you, has grandma and family feeling so blessed
Love from the whole hee haw gang!!!

Happy Birthday
Kenzi Hamilton
Oct. 4
We all love you sweetie … grandma Nadena, auntie Bree, auntie Summer, auntie Cricket, uncle Bill, Iris, Lauren, Bopeep, Johnnie Bo, daddy Fred, mama Macie and sister Cheyenne

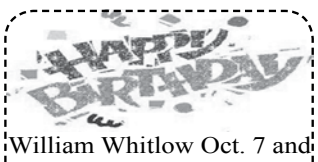
Kheri Wood and Mitchell Sanders are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Jayvion Don Sanders, on Aug. 9, 2014, 7lbs 3oz, and 21 in. long.
The proud grandmother is Joyce Wood.
The adoring aunts are Alexandra Woods and Kelly Younger.

Congratulations Summer and Barry on your baby boy...
Johnnie Luke Botone
Sept. 4, 2014
12 lbs 4 oz
Grandmas, Nadena Grant of El Reno, Janis Wilson of Thomas and all the family

Happy Birthday Noodles and many more on Oct. 6
We love you!
Love Codi, Lasha, Sis, Nancers and Rainey!

Happy 6th Birthday to my baby boys Kellyn Bullcoming, Sept. 11.
Happy 3rd Birthday to Kingston BullComing
Sept. 15
I love you both with all my heart and would do anything for you! Hope you boys have a great day!!
Love, mom

Happy 64th Birthday, mom
We hope that you have 64 more birthdays with us!
Have a blessed day!
Love, Marlena, Frank, Monte, Yolanda, Maria, James and Ayden



William Whitlow Oct. 7 and Jerilyn Longknife
Oct. 8
Love all your family and friends

Obituaries

In Loving Memory
Julia Lynn Whiteskunk Sheridan
Maheonehohnah "Holy Woman Walks on Water"
March 3, 1960 –
Sept. 7, 2014

Julia Lynn was born March 3, 1960 to Jones Edward Whiteskunk Sr. and Mary Elk River Whiteskunk in Elk City, Okla.

She attended Hammon Public Schools and later graduated from Chilocco Indian School. Later she attended Nebraska Indian Community College, earning her Associate of Arts degree.

She was married to Amen Sheridan for 36 years.

She was a member of the Native American Church and sang with the Whitetail Drum group of the Omaha tribe. In 1979, She was the Cheyenne princess in and various powwows in Oklahoma. She was lodge sister for the Southern Cheyenne Sun Dance and respected the lodge from 2007-2010.

Julia is the great granddaughter of Cheyenne Chief Henry Elk River and Lily Island Elk River from the Red Moon community, Hammon, Okla.

She is survived by her children, sons, Seavert Sheridan, Austin Sheridan, Kyle Miller, adopted son Roger Davis and Amen Sheridan Jr., and daughters, Mary Sheridan, Peggy Sheridan and Tristan Sharp.

Sisters, Rosanna Jessepe, Delores Fisher, Josephine Whiteskunk, Nell Whiteskunk, Carol Whiteskunk, Hallie Whiteskunk, Clarice Whiteskunk Jacket and Mary Tweet Whiteskunk and brother Roy Bison.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Cheyenne Headsman, Jones E. Whiteskunk, Mary Elk River Whiteskunk, brother, Jones E Whiteskunk, Jr., and sister Jean Whiteskunk.

In Loving Memory
Lynda Sue Bringing Good
Jan. 15, 1965 –
Sept. 15, 2014

Wake services were held for Lynda Sue Bringing Good on Sept. 18, 2014 at the Community Fellowship Baptist Church in McAlester, Okla.

Funeral services were on Sept. 19, 2014 also at Community Fellowship Baptist Church in McAlester, Okla.

Coyote Thoughts: Is Your Bank Account Being Stolen?

Many of us run on empty. Our lives are challenging if not painful. A problem happens and we think about it for a long time afterward and it can make things worse. We think thoughts like, "Did I do the wrong thing?"; "They screwed me over."; "I am such a loser."; "I can't do anything right."; "Nobody likes me," and worse. We become spent, worn out, can't take anymore. Most likely Trickster Thoughts are stealing from your bank account ... huh?

We all have emotional bank accounts stored in our hearts. Here's how it works. This bank account only has from one to ten emotional dollars in it. Let's call them Emo-Bucks. If your account is full, it has ten Emo-Bucks in it. If it is zero, you are close to dead with nothing left. Our brains spend or earn Emo-Bucks and we can't have more than ten in the account.

Often we think of emotions as bad, but there are wonderful emotions too like being happy, seeing loved ones, seeing wildlife, winning a jack pot and the other things that make you feel joy. There are also emotions that consist of feelings of excitement like hunting Big Foot, hunting, and watching or playing sporting events.

Everyday life presents problems that take our Emo-Bucks and of course our job is to replenish anything spent. Any emotion we like such as love, happiness, children, kindness, sports or anything that makes us happy earns us Emo-Bucks and restores our bank account. It builds our resilience and our quality of life satisfaction, allowing us to see the beauty in the world. This is the great part, when we spend our Emo-Bucks on love, kindness, good excitement and friendship we are spending them and also earning them back at the same time. In some aspects it becomes an endless emotional bank account.

Life will take a few Emo-Bucks throughout the day and week. However, Trickster Thoughts will steal more Emo-Bucks than the problems are worth, trying to bankrupt you and make you suffer for the Trickster's pleasure. The slyness of the Tricksters will tell you that a problem is much worse than it is and that then it will become a drama. The thoughts that the Tricksters present are often the first thought you have making you think, "I thought it, it must be true." Ah, but the Thought-Smart Warrior will think about other possibilities and kick the Trickster Thoughts out, saving their Emo-Bucks.

Thought-Smart is not about IQ. It is about becoming smart and understanding how thoughts work to our advantage or disadvantage. The way to become a Thought Smart Warrior involves learning the Trickster Thoughts and seeing them for how they make our lives miserable and then chasing them away.

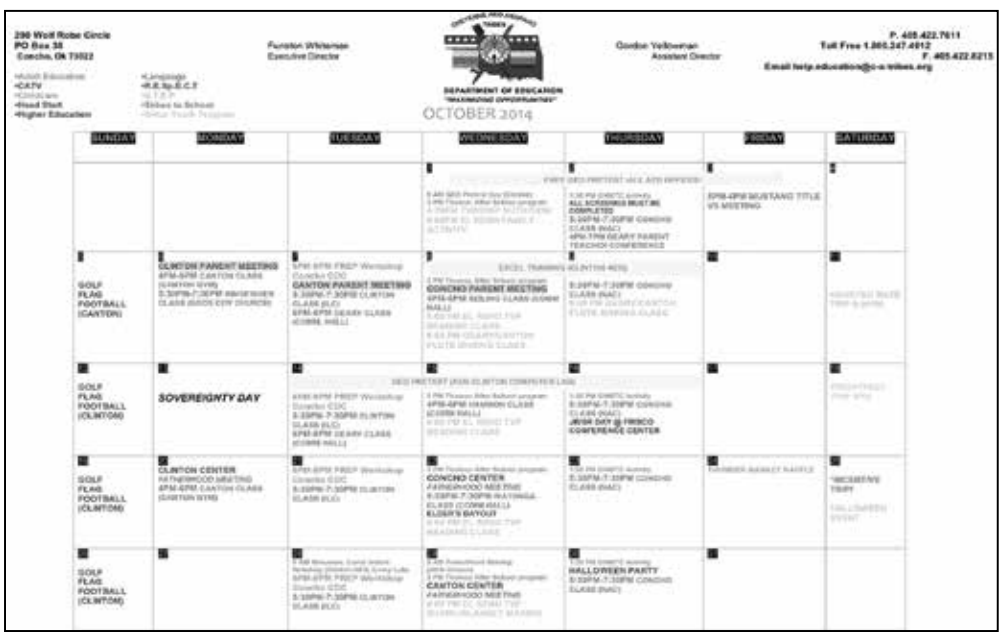
Right now the Tells Future Trickster may be saying,"Don't try this, it won't work." Or the Jumps to Conclusions Tricksters may say, "I will always have problems and this is just my personality of how I think."

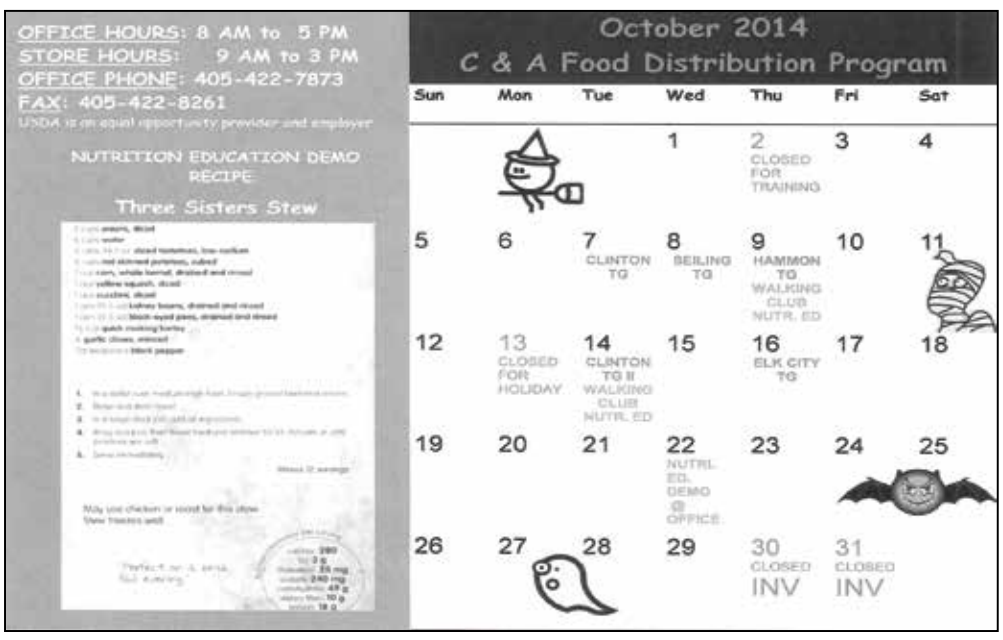
From zero to ten, ten is feeling the best with no problems and zero is the pits, how many Emo-Bucks are in your account right now?

Now try that again but think about this very moment in time, not about this morning or afternoon, or about yesterday or tomorrow, just this moment. You are relaxed, not changing a flat on your car or getting yelled at, now think of this very moment. How many Emo-Bucks are in your account? They probably went up.

Our Ancestors did not want us to just survive, they wanted us to flourish and enjoy our lives. You can be a Thought Smart Warrior and have more power over the problems, making you resilient.

To learn more about Beau Washington visit www.kickdepression.org





CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email tthompson@c-a-tribes.org.

Background Investigator/ Child Care Liaison
Personnel Department, Concho Complex
Closing: Oct. 3

Qualifications:

High school diploma. Background investigating experience preferred. Able to pass background investigation. Must be computer literate. Must be a United States citizen. Be a minimum of 21 years of age. Possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality. Strong work ethic; available to work evening and weekends. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Substitute Teacher Aide
Clinton (2), Concho (2), Canton (1).
Closing: Continuous

Qualifications:

Valid Oklahoma driver's license and be willing to obtain a CDL and Bus Driver's Certificate within 90 days of hire. Must be in good physical health, which allows lifting and moving. Knowledge of Head Start is desirable. Ability to work independently. A high school diploma or GED certification required. Must be familiar with federal, regional, state, and local Tribal regulations as they apply to the specific area of program operations.

SALARY: Negotiable

Recruitment Administrator
Personnel Department, Administration Building, Concho
Closing: Oct. 8

Qualifications:

High School Diploma or GED certified. One year of responsible general clerical and/or administrative experience preferred. One year of supervisory experience preferred. Type a minimum of 40 words per minute with 80 percent accuracy. Complete employee background investigating and adjudication training. Must successfully pass background investigation. College preferred. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Able to attend in and out of state training. Good disposition, professionalism, and confidentiality a must. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

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Caseworker, Concho Crisis Assistance Program, Concho
Closing Oct. 9

Qualifications:

Prefer bachelor's degree in social work or related field; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Requires two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other hours including after 5 p.m. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Per Capita Analyst III
Per Capita Department, Concho
Closing: Oct. 9

Qualifications:

Knowledge of computer software, experience with database programs. Good phone and communication skills, effective skills with staff and public. Ability to develop memos, letters and reports in a professional manner. One year of experience operating office equipment, computer, copier, fax, phone, etc.. in a professional manner. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker Aide, Crisis Program
Clinton, Ok.
Open Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license in order to operate a government vehicle. High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Must be able to favorably pass a background check in which suitability of employment is determined. One year or relevant experience i.e. secretarial, para-professional, administrative assistant, etc. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Telephone Caseworker Crisis Assistance, Concho
Closing: Oct. 9

Qualifications:

Degree in social work or associate's degree with one year to two years experience in related field. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license. FEMA NIMS certified within one year of selection.

SALARY: Negotiable

Insurance Specialist, Personnel Department
Tribal Complex, Concho, Oklahoma
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Minimum of an associate's degree preferred. At least two years experience in business administrative work. Knowledge of third party billing rules and regulations. Knowledge of tribal processes. Possess excellent written and verbal communication skills. Strong problem-solving skills and ability to adapt to changes in policies, regulations and procedures is essential. Attention to detail and ability to interact effectively with others. Able to consistently meet production and quality goals. Proficient in Microsoft Office program. Valid driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Auto Mechanic
Economic Development, Concho
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must possess a high school diploma or GED. Valid Oklahoma driver's license and have dependable transportation. Certification is preferred and an advantage, but not necessary with at least two years of relevant experience. Advanced knowledge in the components of mechanics of various vehicles, the interaction of vehicle components and systems, as well as computerized diagnostic tools. Have strong customer service and problem solving skills. Must possess a high degree of dependability and accountability. Perform other duties as assigned. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

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Holiday Closure

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 13, 2014 in observance of Sovereignty Day. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 8 a.m.

George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center

10320 North Airport Road
Clinton, OK. 73601

Call (580) 331-2370 or by dialing toll free (800) 247-4612 ext 32370.

The Treatment Center offers the following treatment services: Drug Recovery Out-patient, Long-term, recovery for Seniors, Women, and Men.

Residential forms can be found on the Cheyenne and Arapho tribes' Website at www.c-a-tribes.org/george-hawkins-treatment-center-admission-info.

Announcement

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Child Development Program announces its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

All participants in attendance are served meals, at no extra charge to the parents and without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

This statement applies to the Concho and Clinton Child Development Center.

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

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GERALDINE WOODS)
VS.) Case No: CIV-2014-0071
KRISTY HAMILTON)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: KRISTY HAMILTON

You are hereby notified that GERALDINE WOODS has filed in this Court a Petition For Protective Order on the 21ST day of JULY, 2014 the petitioner, GERALDINE WOODS has filed a Petition for Protective Order that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 15th day of OCTOBER, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Protective Order should not be made permanent..

Dated this 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
GERALDINE WOODS
817 S.W. 26th Place
El Reno, Ok 73036

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Food Distribution Program
Greenhouse Project Schedule

Daryn West - Green House Project Coordinator
Direct Ext. 405-422-7879
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OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. OSU Ext.	2. **CLOSED FOR TRAINING**	3. Watonga	4.
5.	6. Watonga	7. Watonga	8. OSU Ext	9. Walking Club- Hammon @ 11 AM Nutrition ED	10. Watonga	11.
12.	13. **Sovereignty Day Closed**	14.Clinton Head Start @ 10 AM Walking Club- Clinton @ 11 AM Nutri. ED	15. Canton Head Start @ 10 AM	16. Concho Head Start @ 10 AM	17. Watonga	18.
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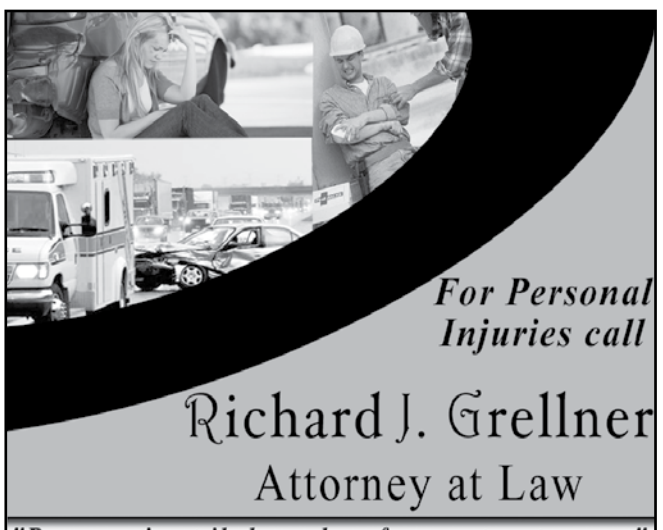
Holiday Head Starts Walking Club Inventory OSU Training



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DAVID A. REYES, Petitioner,)
vs.) Case No: CIV-2014-0080
MINNIE WOODS- BUSHYHEAD, Respondent,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: MINNIE WOODS- BUSHYHEAD

You are hereby notified that DAVID A. REYES has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, V. W minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
David A. Reyes
P.O. Box 532
Thomas, OK 73669

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
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MICHAEL LEE ROBINSON, Petitioner)
vs.) Case No: JFD-2014-0020
AMANDA ROCHELL WATTS, Respondent)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: AMANDA ROCHELL WATTS
12901 N.E. 10th #24
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

You are hereby notified that MICHAEL LEE ROBINSON has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 15TH day of OCTOBER, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2014.

Plaintiff;
Michael Robinson
502 S. Weigle St.
Watonga, OK 73772

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Language Classes

Canton	***Geary***
Native American	***Community Hall***
Gym 4 p.m.	***6:30 p.m.***
Oct 6	Oct 7
Oct 20	Oct 14
Clinton	Oct 21
Elder Nutrition	Oct 28
Bldg. 5:30 p.m.	***Seiling***
Oct 7	***Community Hall***
Oct 14	***4 p.m.***
Oct 21	Oct 8
Oct 28	***Hammon***
Concho	***Community Hall***
NAC Bldg. 5:30 p.m.	***4 p.m.***
Oct 9	Oct 15
Oct 16	***Watonga***
Oct 23	***Community Hall***
Oct 30	***5:30 p.m.***
	Oct 22

ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Photo and interview by Rebecka Lyman, Reporter
Action Photos by Kingfisher High School's Photography Class

Junior running back, Nick Smith, keeps his feet firmly on the ground after last year's class 3A State Championship win. Smith made all 30 points for the Kingfisher Yellowjackets football team, beating the defending champion Blanchard. For Smith, football offers a path to overcome his hardships and inspire others to do the same.

When did you first begin playing?

I started playing in the third grade; I played the same positions back then as I do now. On offense I am a running back, now on defensive I will be middle line backer at this weeks game. I have not played that position since eighth grade. I usually play safety guard corner, punt and kick returner, field goal kicker and punt kicker.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

Playing with guys that I have been playing with since third grade.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

Playing at the state championships with last year's seniors. I enjoyed the atmosphere of the moment and seeing everyone smile. Just feeling the excitement after how hard we worked and reaching our goal made me feel real good.

What is your GPA (if known)?

Last year I carried a 2.9, this year I have over a 3.0. I don't know what was wrong me with last year.

What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?

I want to become a coach. Coach Blundell is my mentor and idol and I want to do exactly what he has done. He is my defensive football coach and baseball coach. He has a great work ethic and he is also a great teacher, he never raises his voice unless he has to, because a student is doing something stupid. He helps me get through tough times and he is the only coach who knows everything about me. I can tell him anything I want and he won't judge me, he only encourages me.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

One, I will have to work a lot harder in the classroom, and two, work on getting scholarships to get into college. If I don't get scholarships, it will be a challenge for me to be able to attend college.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

The state championship game last year, the atmosphere was awesome. This will be for anybody who plays football, but whenever you break for a run and you hear one side of the field get quiet and one side yells, it is a great feeling. During the game my first touch down was a 70-yard run, I ran on our side of the stands and I could hear everyone yelling at me and cheering, it felt good. The second half I really don't remember, getting hit by those big boys kind of spun me and I wanted to keep focused on reaching our team goal.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

Last year I was a sophomore, and Landon Nault gave me some good advice after I scored a touch down, I wish I could remember exactly what he said, because it stuck with me for the rest of the game. This year, Kaden Jackson, he said 'short term memory', meaning if something bad happens just forget about it. It was during a game this year and our team was just not coming together after someone had made a false start. He yelled that out, we got back down on the ball and we made a first down.

My freshman year was a tough year, and Grant Newton was the quarterback then, he was a good person to look up too, he knew every play and I could ask him anything. He always gave me good advice. He was the leader of the team. He graduated 2 years ago as a 4.0 Valedictorian.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

Treat me the way you want to be treated.

Who or what inspires you the most?

My teammates inspire me. Coach Blundell inspires me a lot in baseball, and Curtis Lofton, who plays for the New Orleans Saints, because he is a minority who comes from out of an all white community.

What work out routine do you have for training in your sport?

I feel bad a lot of the times, because during the summer I don't get to work out with the football team, because I also play baseball. I maybe make it two weeks out of the summer. I get punished for it and have to run, because it is football and I am not about to argue with the coach. But I do lift two times a day everyday for five days a week. After I am done lifting I will ride the bike. I also do sets of push-ups at night as well.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

My squatting helps me with wrestling since I have low center gravity. My shoulder workouts allow me to take big hits in football.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Spaghetti. Whoever cooks the spaghetti for our team before the games does a very good job.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

I lift weights, and enjoy hanging with my friends while we lift weights.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

Country.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I may look intimidating, but I have a heart. I'm a crybaby, if someone hurts my feelings I will cry about it.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

The way my family acts towards one another. We are family and we are suppose to help each other.

What do you someday dream of doing?

Playing baseball in the MLB (Major League Baseball).

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Adrian Peterson.

Which team is your favorite team?

Detroit Tigers, baseball team.

What are your plans after graduating high school?

If I don't play sports in college, than I would like to be an English major or math major and become a teacher.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

Don't be cocky, be humble. Work for what you want, and don't think it is just going to be handed to you.

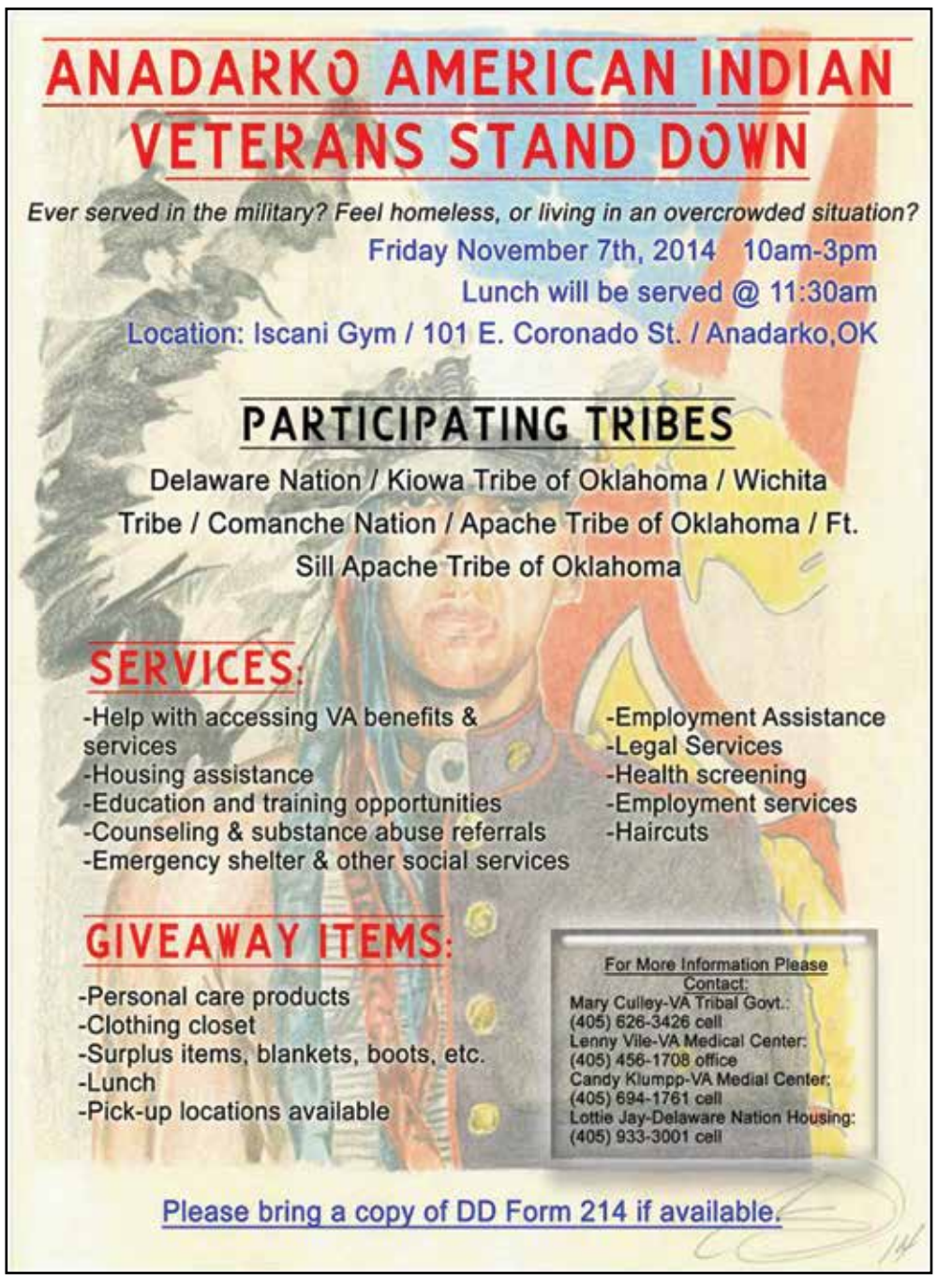

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

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Left-right:Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes television station, CATV-47, Producer, Mark Welch, CATV-47, Director, Randy Burleson, Governor Eddie Hamilton, OETA, Executive Director, Dan Schiedel, Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey, Education Department, Executive Director, Funston Whiteman and CATV-47, Videographer, Darren Brown.

OETA honors CATV-47 with the Big Bird Partnership award

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

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"Thank you so much to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for all you did to make it a success. We (OETA) would have not been able to get the first episode of *Native Oklahoma* finished without all of your help," Dan Schiedel, OETA, executive director said. "CATV-47, the tribes television team, really stepped up and became a leadership partner in putting this together. Because of Randy and Darren and the team, the first show that we did of *Native Oklahoma* was very well received when we broadcasted it on OETA."

In early summer 2013, CATV-47 director and staff met with Schiedel, to collaborate with and come up with ideas to better serve their Native viewers.

Thrilled about the success of the first episode, the OETA and CATV-47 team are toiling on the second episode of *Native Oklahoma*.

"We are hopeful to launch the episode on *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans* holiday, which is in March of next year," Schiedel said. "We are trying to get other tribes engaged with this episode as well. We would like the focus to remain on the Vietnam Veterans and on how the different tribes prepare their warriors to go into battle and tying into that war and era."

Schiedel said, as of today, the Cherokee, Osage, Kiowa, Choctaw and Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are on board.

"We are still waiting to hear from the Chickasaws," he said.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton stated he was proud of the CATV-47 staff for volunteering to produce and edit the first episode.

"I would like to thank you guys, without your involvement and putting the show together and all your hard work the Cheyenne and Arapaho people would not be recognized," Hamilton said. "We all really appreciate your dedication and work that you put into this project."

There were several bumps in the road with some tribes not having their own video crews, and not all tribes used the same video format as CATV-47. But in the end CATV47 brought it all together and successfully assembled the final show.

"Dan offered us airtime, and told us if we came up with a show OETA would put it on air," Randy Burleson, CATV-47 director said. "We put the finished piece together from the videos each tribe gave to us and found a way to tie it all together."

Burleson said the experience was enriching for him and the CATV-47 team.

"I want to really thank the other tribes that participated, the Osage, Ponca, Kiowa, Choctaw and Cherokee tribes' and Dan for offering us a really great opportunity to showcase the Native Americans of Oklahoma," Burleson said. "I have gained knowledge of the different cultures from each tribe because they gave a little bit of their story and cultural beliefs. The Osage shared of their ceremonial dance, I'n-Lon-Schka. I did not know what that meant to them and now I do."

To view the first episode of *Native Oklahoma* visit OETA's Website, www.oeta.tv.